

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Monday, April 2, 2001, with a vote on final passage to occur at 5:30 p.m.

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Appointments:

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Title 46, Section 1295(b), of the U.S.Code, as amended by Public Law 101-595, and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy: Senator McCain, ex officio, as Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; and Senator Snowe, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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U.S. Coast Guard Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), as amended by Public Law 101-595, and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U. S. Coast Guard Academy: Senator McCain, ex officio, as Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation; and Senator Fitzgerald, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Charles S. Abell, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Grant D. Aldonas, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

Brenda L. Becker, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—61) Pages S3076, S3086, S3105, S3117, S3122-23

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:30 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Friday, March 30, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of

the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3180.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BIOMASS AND ENVIRONMENTAL TRADING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues related to progress and funding of research to promote the conversion of biomass into biobased, chemicals, fuels, and other industrial products, products which are derived from plant material, after receiving testimony from David Batchelor, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Lansing; Bruce E. Dale, Michigan State University Department of Chemical Engineering, East Lansing; Patrick R. Gruber, Cargill Dow, Minnetonka, Minnesota; Robert L. Judd, Jr., USA Biomass Power Producers Alliance, Sacramento, California; Edward L. Woolsey, Iowa-Sustainable Energy for Economic Development, Prole; Richard L. Sandor, Environmental Financial Products, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; Bruce A. McCarl, Texas A&M University Department of Agricultural Economics, College Station; Gary Kaster, American Electric Power Company, McConnellsville, Ohio; John Kadyszewski, Winrock International, Morrilton, Arkansas; Robert Bonnie, Environmental Defense, and Jeff Fiedler, Natural Resources Defense Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jim Kinsella, Lexington, Illinois

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 3,920 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities and Investment concluded hearings on S. 206, to repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, and to enact the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2001, after receiving testimony from Isaac C. Hunt, Jr., Commissioner, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Cynthia A. Marlette, Deputy General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; David M. Sparby, Xcel Energy Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota; David L. Sokol, MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company, Des Moines, Iowa; and Charles A. Acquard, National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, Silver Spring, Maryland.

AVIATION DELAY PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded hearings on S. 633, to provide for the review and management of airport congestion, after receiving testimony from Susan McDermott, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Aviation and International Affairs; Edward A. Merlis, Air Transport Association of America, Deborah C. McElroy, Regional Airline Association, and Ronald Swanda, General Aviation Manufacturers Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Jeffrey P. Fegan, Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, Dallas, Texas; and Charles Barclay, Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the American Association of Airport Executives and the Airports Council International—North America.

NATIONAL PARKS OMNIBUS MANAGEMENT ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded oversight hearings to review the National Park Service's implementation of management policies and procedures to comply with the provisions of Titles I, II, III, V, VI, VII, and VIII of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998, after receiving testimony from Denis P. Galvin, Acting Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Peter J. Ward, Washington, D.C., and Greg Jackson, Santa Monica, California, both on behalf of the Fraternal Order of Police; Scot McElveen, Santa Monica, California, on behalf of the Association of National Park Rangers; and Jay Vestal, National Park Foundation, Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL FIRE PLAN

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of the Administration's National Fire Plan, after receiving testimony from Lyle Laverty, Associate Deputy Chief and National Fire Plan Coordinator, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Tim Hartzell, Director, Office of Wildland Fire Coordination, Department of the Interior; James E. Hubbard, Colorado State Forester, Fort Collins, on behalf of the National Association of State Foresters; Betty Vega, Cooperative Ownership Development Corporation, Silver City, New Mexico; Nils D. Christoffersen, Wallowa Resources, Enterprise, Oregon; Nancy Farr, Forest Stewardship Project, Twisp, Washington; Celia Headley, Eugene, Oregon, on behalf of the Alliance of Forest Workers and Harvesters; Lynn Jungwirth, Watershed Center, Hayfork, California; G. Thomas Bancroft, Wilderness Society, Steve

Holmer, American Lands Alliance, both of Washington, D.C.; Tom Nelson, Sierra Pacific Industries, Redding, California, on behalf of the American Forest and Paper Association; and David W. Smith, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, on behalf of the Society of American Foresters.

FEDERAL DEBT REDUCTION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues related to Federal debt reduction as part of prioritizing the projected budget surpluses among competing priorities, such as tax cuts, Social Security and Medicare, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Bethesda, Maryland, former Under Secretary of Treasury for Domestic Finance; and James C. Miller III, Citizens for a Sound Economy, Washington, D.C., former Director, Office of Management and Budget.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on the nominations of Kenneth W. Dam, of Illinois, to be Deputy Secretary, David Aufhauser, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, and Michele A. Davis, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, all of the Department of the Treasury, and Faryar Shirzad, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, where the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Warner, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

HEALTHY AGING IN RURAL AMERICA

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain initiatives that promote and support healthy aging in rural America, focusing on certain areas that impact the lives of older Americans, including transportation, housing, access to high-quality health care, diet and nutrition, and employment, after receiving testimony from Jon E. Burkhardt, WESTAT, Rockville, Maryland; Hilda Heady, West Virginia Rural Health Education Partnerships, Morgantown, on behalf of the National Rural Health Association; James Sykes, University of Wisconsin Medical Center Department of Preventive Medicine, Madison, on behalf of the National Council on the Aging; Melinda M. Adams, Boise, Idaho, on behalf of the Idaho Commission on Aging and

the National Association of Older Worker Employment Services; and Jane V. White, Knoxville, Tennessee, on behalf of the American Dietetic Association.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 42 public bills, H.R. 7, 1287–1327; 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 42; H. Con. Res. 90–92, and H. Res. 108–109, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: No Reports were filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Rev. Willie T. Lockett, St. Martha Missionary Baptist Church, of Oak Hill, Florida.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, March 29 by a recorded vote of 354 ayes to 62 noes, Roll No. 72.

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Marriage Penalty and Family Tax Relief: The House passed H.R. 6, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the marriage penalty by providing for adjustments to the standard deduction, 15-percent rate bracket, and earned income credit and to allow the nonrefundable personal credits against regular and minimum tax liability by a ye a and nay vote of 282 yeas to 144 nays, Roll No. 75.

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Rejected the Rangel motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back with an amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to provide a year 2000 tax refund of \$300 for individuals or \$600 for married couples filing a joint return by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 74.

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Agreed to the Committee on Ways and Means amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, made in order by the rule.

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Earlier, the House agreed to the Pryce unanimous consent request to modify the Committee on Ways and Means amendment now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 107–29). The modification dealt with the limitation of the credit allowed against the alternative minimum tax.

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Rejected the Rangel amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to create a new 12 percent tax rate, increase the earned income tax credit, create a standard deduction for married couples equal to twice the standard available to single individuals,

and provide marriage penalty relief in the earned income credit and rate reductions (rejected by a ye a and nay vote of 196 yeas to 231 nays, Roll No. 73).

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Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 104, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a ye a and nay vote of 249 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 71.

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Meeting Hour—Tuesday, April 3: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Friday, March 30, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3, for morning hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 4.

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Profound Sorrow on the Death of the Honorable Norman Sisisky, a Representative from the Commonwealth of Virginia: The House agreed to H. Res. 107, expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable Norman Sisisky, a Representative from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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National Commission to Ensure Consumer Information and choice in the Airline Industry: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Mr. Thomas P. Dunne, Sr. of Maryland Heights, Missouri to the National Commission to Ensure Consumer Information and choice in the Airline Industry.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye a and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1301–02, H1302, H1325–26, H1328, H1329. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 107, adjourned at 4:28 p.m. as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Norman Sisisky, a Representative from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL FARM COMMODITY PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Continued hearings on Federal Farm Commodity Programs, with the soybean